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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Masaki TAKASAN, et al. Group Art Unit : 2856
Serial No. : 10/028,096 Examiner : John E. Chapman, Jr.
Filed : October 25, 2001
For : APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING LEVITATED OBJECTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

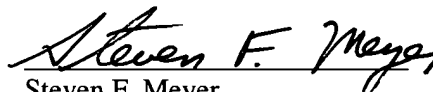
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003 constituting a requirement for restriction in the above-identified application, election is made to prosecute the claims in the Examiner's Species I, (i.e., Figures 1 and 7). Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-17 are all readable on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

It is believed that claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13 are generic. Action on the merits of claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-17 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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